

AIMS HS Reciprocity Guidelines

Pursuant to a recent amendment to ARS 15-701.01 ADE has developed the following policy for the implementation of reciprocal acceptance of standards-based high school assessments from other states in lieu of AIMS HS graduation requirements as they apply to students who have transferred to Arizona from other states after having passed said tests in the state from which they transferred.

ARS 15-701.01A

Paragraph 3 (pertinent part)

A pupil shall not be required to pass the competency test required in this paragraph to graduate from high school if the pupil transfers into the district from out-of-state and has successfully passed a statewide assessment test on state adopted standards that are substantially equivalent to the state board adopted academic standards.

POLICY

If a high school student transfers into an Arizona high school from out-of-state, they will receive a diploma if they meet the following requirements:

1. District requirements for graduation AND...
2. State requirements for graduation AND...
3. Meet the Standards in reading, writing, and mathematics on AIMS HS
OR
provide documentation that they have met the passing requirements on the standards-based high school assessment in the state in which they previously attended high school.
 - a. This high school assessment must meet the NCLB requirements for standards assessment
OR
 - b. A state must perform as well or better than Arizona on the latest released NAEP results.
4. A student is responsible for providing official documentation to the school district to support their request.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

Any student having transferred to an Arizona public school desiring consideration of their out-of-state test scores under Arizona's reciprocity statute must present documentation to the school/charter of passage of an acceptable examination from another state which has met the NCLB guidelines.

Accompanying this document is a list of states and specific tests within those states which are generally known to meet the NCLB standard for one or more subject areas tested in Arizona using AIMS. This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change. Specific questions regarding exams not listed or from states listed as "awaiting further information" should be directed to the ADE Assessment Section for consideration.